

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Randall Rueth, Reg. No. 45,887 on March 4, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

--Please cancel claim 23.

[claim 1] (Currently amended) A system for accessing pharmacy data and ordering prescriptions via a network comprising:

- a network server connected to the network that is accessible by one or more customers via the network;
- a database containing information concerning drugs and personal information concerning one or more of the customers, wherein the personal information includes a prescription drug history of each respective one of the one or more customers; and
- an intranet server that is connected to at least a plurality of member pharmacies and one or more shipping facilities;

- an application server connected to the network server, the database and the intranet server to integrate the network server, the database, and the intranet server,
- wherein the application server is configured to:
 - receive a username and password from a customer;
 - cause a browser to display to the customer the information concerning drugs and personal information concerning that customer if the username and password are confirmed, and
 - cause the browser to display an option to transmit a prescription order to: at least one of the plurality of member pharmacies or one of the one or more shipping facilities,
 - receive the prescription order and perform a prescription drug interaction check;
 - receive an indication of a choice from the customer relative to the option;
 - when the customer chooses the option to transmit the prescription order to the one or more shipping facilities, execute a command to the one of the one or more shipping facilities via the intranet server, so that at least one prescription drug associated with the prescription order is shipped from the one of the one or more shipping facilities; and
 - when the customer chooses the option to transmit the prescription order to one of the plurality of member pharmacies for pick-up by the customer, transmit via the intranet server the prescription order to one of the plurality of member pharmacies to be processed so that at least one prescription drug

associated with the prescription order is filled at the one of the plurality of member pharmacies.

[claim 9] (Currently amended): A method enabling one or more customers to order prescriptions and access pharmacy data via a network comprising:

- accessing a network server hosting a network website via the network;
- registering a customer with the network website including prompting the customer to enter a username and password;
- displaying to the customer on the website a prescription order selection;
- displaying to the customer on the website a pharmacy data access selection;
- when the customer selects the prescription order selection:
 - displaying one or more prescription order displays to the customer on the website;
 - receiving from the customer a particular prescription order;
 - performing a prescription drug interaction check for the particular prescription order;
 - sending the customer a confirmation email corresponding to the received particular prescription order,
 - when the customer selects to pick up at least one prescription drug from one of the plurality of member pharmacies, transmitting, via an intranet server that

- is connected to at least a plurality of member pharmacies and one or more shipping facilities, the particular prescription order so that the at least one prescription drug associated with the particular prescription order is filled at the one of the plurality of member pharmacies;
- when the customer selects to have at least one prescription drug shipped from one of the one or more shipping facilities, transmitting, via the intranet server that is connected to at least the plurality of member pharmacies and the one or more shipping facilities, the particular prescription order so that the at least one prescription drug associated with the particular prescription order is shipped from the one of the one or more shipping facilities; and
 - when the customer selects the pharmacy data access selection, displaying one or more pharmacy data access displays to the customer wherein the customer is allowed to access one of a personal prescription history and specific drug information from a database.

[claim 17] (Currently amended) A system for accessing pharmacy data and ordering prescriptions via a network comprising:

- a database containing information concerning prescription drugs and personal information concerning a portion of a plurality of customers; and
- an intranet server that is connected to a first member pharmacy, a second member pharmacy, and a shipping facility;

- an application server connected to the database and the intranet server to integrate the database and the intranet server,
- wherein the application server is configured to:
 - receive a username and a password from a customer;
 - allow the customer to access the information concerning prescription drugs and personal information concerning that customer if the username and the password are confirmed,
 - provide each of the one or more customers with an option to: transmit a prescription order to the first member pharmacy or the shipping facility if the username and the password are confirmed;
 - receive the prescription order and perform a prescription drug interaction check;
 - receive an indication of a choice from the customer relative to the option to transmit the prescription order to the first member pharmacy or the shipping facility;
 - send an email confirmation to the customer confirming the prescription order;
 - cause a browser to display a status of the order;
 - when the customer chooses the option to transmit the prescription order to the shipping facility, transmit, via the intranet server, the prescription order to the shipping facility so that at least one prescription drug associated with the prescription order is shipped from the shipping facility; and

- when the customer chooses the option to transmit the prescription order to the first member pharmacy, transmit, via the intranet server, the prescription order to the first member pharmacy so that at least one prescription drug associated with the prescription order is filled at the first member pharmacy.

[claim 18] (Currently amended) A method enabling a customer to order prescriptions and access pharmacy data via a network comprising:

providing a network server hosting a network website via the network;
registering a customer with the network website that includes prompting the customer to input a username and password;
displaying to the customer on the website a prescription order selection;
displaying to the customer on the website a pharmacy data access selection;
when the customer selects the prescription order selection and the username and password are confirmed:

- displaying a prescription order display to the customer on the website;
- receiving from the customer a particular prescription order for a prescription drug;
- performing a prescription drug interaction check;
- wherein the particular prescription order includes a selectable designation by the customer to communicate via the intranet server that the prescription will one of:
 - a) be manually picked up at a selected pharmacy store

location; or

b) be shipped to a designated postal address;

- o sending a confirmation email to the customer for the prescription order;
 - o receiving and storing medical insurance information for the customer;
 - o displaying to the customer pricing information for a drug in the prescription order;
 - o displaying to the customer a name of a doctor that prescribed the drug;
- and

displaying a pharmacy data access display to the customer when the customer selects the pharmacy data access selection and when the username and password are confirmed, and providing the customer access to one of a personal prescription history and specific drug information from a database.

[claim 19] (Currently amended) A pharmacy system, comprising:

means for accessing a network server hosting a network website;

means for registering a customer with the network website;

means for displaying to the customer on the website a prescription order selection;

means for displaying to the customer on the website a pharmacy data access selection;

means for displaying one or more prescription order displays to the customer on the website when the customer selects the prescription order selection;

means for receiving from the customer a particular prescription order;

means for performing a prescription drug interaction check for the particular prescription order, and

means for sending the customer a confirmation email corresponding to the received particular prescription order;

means for displaying to the customer pricing information for a drug in the prescription order;

means for displaying to the customer a name of a doctor that prescribed the drug;

means for displaying to the customer a generic alternative for the prescribed drug;

means for transmitting the prescription order to a member pharmacy or a shipping facility , so that at least one prescription drug associated with the prescription order is filled at the member pharmacy or is shipped from the shipping facility; and

means for displaying one or more pharmacy data access displays to the customer when the customer selects the pharmacy data access selection wherein the customer is allowed to access one of a personal prescription history and specific drug information from a database.

[claim 25] (Currently amended) The system as defined in claim 1, further comprising a hyperlinked image of a drug associated with the prescription order.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

[claim 1]

Regarding claim 1, the closest prior art of record Szabo, "Name Change," and Mayaud discloses a system for ordering pharmaceuticals but does not teach or suggest:

a system comprising:

- an intranet server that is connected to at least a plurality of member pharmacies and one or more shipping facilities;
- an application server connected to the network server, the database and the intranet server to integrate the network server, the database, and the intranet server,
- wherein the application server is configured to:
 - cause a browser to display to the customer the information concerning drugs and personal information concerning that customer if the username and password are confirmed, and
 - cause the browser to display an option to transmit a prescription order to: at least one of the plurality of member pharmacies or one of the one or more shipping facilities,
 - when the customer chooses the option to transmit the prescription order to the one or more shipping facilities, execute a command to the one of the one

- or more shipping facilities via the intranet server, so that at least one prescription drug associated with the prescription order is shipped from the one of the one or more shipping facilities; and
- when the customer chooses the option to transmit the prescription order to one of the plurality of member pharmacies for pick-up by the customer, transmit via the intranet server the prescription order to one of the plurality of member pharmacies to be processed so that at least one prescription drug associated with the prescription order is filled at the one of the plurality of member pharmacies.

In particular, while Name Change and Szabo disclose a method of ordering prescriptions over the internet and allowing the user to choose between delivery options, the references do not expressly disclose the hardware responsible for particular functions, and also do not disclose the that system is configured to display specific screens, and options (to the customer). Claims 4-5, 20-26 do incorporate the allowable subject matter through dependency and are therefore also allowable.

Regarding claim 9, the closest prior art of record Szabo, Name Change, and Mayaud discloses a method for ordering pharmaceuticals but does not teach or suggest:

- displaying to the customer on the website a prescription order selection;
- displaying to the customer on the website a pharmacy data access selection;
- when the customer selects the prescription order selection:

- displaying one or more prescription order displays to the customer on the website;
- receiving from the customer a particular prescription order;
- sending the customer a confirmation email corresponding to the received particular prescription order,
- when the customer selects to pick up at least one prescription drug from one of the plurality of member pharmacies, transmitting, via an intranet server that is connected to at least a plurality of member pharmacies and one or more shipping facilities, the particular prescription order so that the at least one prescription drug associated with the particular prescription order is filled at the one of the plurality of member pharmacies;
- when the customer selects to have at least one prescription drug shipped from one of the one or more shipping facilities, transmitting, via the intranet server that is connected to at least the plurality of member pharmacies and the one or more shipping facilities, the particular prescription order so that the at least one prescription drug associated with the particular prescription order is shipped from the one of the one or more shipping facilities; and

Claims 10,11, and 13-16 incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 9, through dependency and are therefore also allowable.

Regarding claim 17, the closest prior art of record Szabo, Name Change, and Mayaud discloses a system for ordering pharmaceuticals but does not teach or suggest:

- an intranet server that is connected to a first member pharmacy, a second member pharmacy, and a shipping facility;
 - an application server connected to the database and the intranet server to integrate the database and the intranet server,
 - wherein the application server is configured to:
 - allow the customer to access the information concerning prescription drugs and personal information concerning that customer if the username and the password are confirmed,
 - provide each of the one or more customers with an option to: transmit a prescription order to the first member pharmacy or the shipping facility if the username and the password are confirmed;
 - send an email confirmation to the customer confirming the prescription order;
 - cause a browser to display a status of the order;
 - when the customer chooses the option to transmit the prescription order to the shipping facility, transmit, via the intranet server, the prescription order to the shipping facility so that at least one prescription drug associated with the prescription order is shipped from the shipping facility; and
- when the customer chooses the option to transmit the prescription order to the first member pharmacy, transmit, via the intranet server, the prescription order to the first

member pharmacy so that at least one prescription drug associated with the prescription order is filled at the first member pharmacy.

In particular, while the Name Change and Szabo references disclose a method of ordering prescriptions over the internet and allowing the user to choose between delivery options, the references do not expressly disclose the hardware responsible for particular functions, and also do not disclose the that system is configured to display specific screens, and options (to the customer).

Regarding claim 18, the closest prior art of record Szabo, Name Change, and Mayaud discloses a method for ordering pharmaceuticals but does not teach or suggest:

displaying to the customer on the website a pharmacy data access selection; when the customer selects the prescription order selection and the username and password are confirmed:

- displaying a prescription order display to the customer on the website;
- receiving from the customer a particular prescription order for a prescription drug;
- performing a prescription drug interaction check;
- wherein the particular prescription order includes a selectable designation by the customer to communicate via the intranet server that the prescription will one of:

a) be manually picked up at a selected pharmacy store location; or

b) be shipped to a designated postal address;

- sending a confirmation email to the customer for the prescription order;
 - receiving and storing medical insurance information for the customer;
 - displaying to the customer pricing information for a drug in the prescription order;
 - displaying to the customer a name of a doctor that prescribed the drug;
- and

displaying a pharmacy data access display to the customer when the customer selects the pharmacy data access selection and when the username and password are confirmed, and providing the customer access to one of a personal prescription history and specific drug information from a database.

Regarding claim 19, the closest prior art of record Szabo, "Name Change," and Mayaud discloses a system for ordering pharmaceuticals but does not teach or suggest:

means for displaying one or more prescription order displays to the customer on the website when the customer selects the prescription order selection;

means for receiving from the customer a particular prescription order;

means for sending the customer a confirmation email corresponding to the received particular prescription order;

means for displaying to the customer a name of a doctor that prescribed the drug;

means for displaying to the customer a generic alternative for the prescribed drug;

means for transmitting the prescription order to a member pharmacy or a shipping facility , so that at least one prescription drug associated with the prescription order is filled at the member pharmacy or is shipped from the shipping facility; and

means for displaying one or more pharmacy data access displays to the customer when the customer selects the pharmacy data access selection wherein the customer is allowed to access one of a personal prescription history and specific drug information from a database.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Drawings

3. New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the handwritten text and also the small font renders the text difficult to read or illegible, particularly in Figures 2-3, 5-15. Applicant is advised to

employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RACHEL L. PORTER whose telephone number is (571)272-6775. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 10-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry O'Connor can be reached on (571) 272-6787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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